

promise of our country. At the core of this promise is the industry which helps make this dream a possibility. Realtors serve a vital role in the healthy propagation of homeownership; therefore, those who contribute to the furtherance of this profession are deserving of our thanks and recognition.

For over two decades, Larry Metzger has led the Columbus Board of Realtors with distinction as its chief executive officer. Dedicating his career to his fellow realtors, Larry has built a tremendous reputation as a tireless advocate of his profession. His unparalleled leadership and passion for the benefits of homeownership helped maintain the realtor profession's role in the tremendous growth of central Ohio, playing an irreplaceable part in the furtherance of the American Dream for thousands.

Through commendable love of his community and fidelity to his craft, Larry stands as a pillar in the central Ohio region. Therefore, I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for Ohio.

As a former realtor, I am especially pleased to recognize Larry Metzger for his service to central Ohio and the realty community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 831, H. Res. 729, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK NOVEMBER 22ND TO 29TH, 2009

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Bible Week and encourage my colleagues to join me in commemorating this important week. I am honored to serve as a Congressional Co-Chair for National Bible Week, taking place from November 22nd to 29th this year. As we gather with family and friends to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday, we should also take time to celebrate the Holy Book which guides the lives of so many and has fundamentally shaped our great nation's history. We read in Proverbs 3:6 "think about Him in all your ways and He will guide you on the right paths."

From the earliest American settlers onward, the Bible has played a pivotal role in the shaping of our nation. Throughout our history, many of our great leaders have turned to the Bible for direction and consolation. We are blessed to live in the United States where we may worship as we please, with the freedom to rejoice in the teachings of the Holy Bible without fear of persecution.

The Bible provides important guidance and comfort in our daily lives, and it teaches the moral code that many of us live by. Our nation's ideological foundations of justice, equality, and service reflect the guiding principles of

the Bible. The teachings of the Holy Bible continue to guide many of us as we govern.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Bible Week, we remember the importance of our faith, in both our public and private lives. The National Bible Association is to be commended for their work inspiring interest in the teachings of the Holy Bible and God's Word. I encourage everyone to read and seek comfort in the Bible, during this week, and thereafter.

HONORING EDWARD F. NEWMAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my friend Edward F. Newman, who recently died at age 85, for an inspiring life that promoted peace and social justice. He was a well-known and much loved Santa Cruzan.

Following high school he attended the School of Engineering at the University of California Berkeley before joining the Navy to serve in World War II. As a young enlisted man, he organized a brave challenge to the status quo, resulting in dismissal of a corrupt procurement officer. This experience taught him, at an early age, that even one person can make a difference in this world. He earned a law degree from U.C. Berkeley in 1951, and used his skills as an accomplished writer, speaker, and advocate, to stand up for justice and common people.

Ed actively promoted the causes of peace and social justice throughout his life. He vigorously opposed the Vietnam war and the invasion of Iraq. He served as president of the Castro Valley Democratic Club, and later founded and served as president of the People's Democratic Club of Santa Cruz County. He campaigned to protect the environment, abolish the death penalty, protect civil rights, women's rights, gay rights, and all human rights. As a veteran, he became active in the Santa Cruz County Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, leading the chapter to advocate for peace, and to oppose expansion of the military-industrial complex. With intelligence and humor, he exposed political hypocrisy, writing countless letters to the editor, and contributing columns to newspapers.

As an attorney, Ed Newman championed causes of the underdog, handling numerous pro bono matters to protect fundamental rights. He defended ordinary citizens in proceedings by the House Un-American Activities Committee, and took cases for the American Civil Liberties Union. In the 1980s, he took a pro bono case to challenge gender discrimination, resulting in the court decision which transformed the Santa Cruz Boys Club into the Santa Cruz Boys and Girls Club. He was president of the Santa Cruz County Bar Association in 1985. He was also a leader in the Starr King Unitarian Church, and he served as committee chair and president of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County.

As a civic leader and activist, Ed Newman inspired his community with his eloquence, intelligence, and tireless advocacy for justice. To his family and friends, Ed was known for his kindness, his wisdom, his outstanding cooking,

and his wonderful sense of humor. With his wife Carol, he raised five children, all of whom graduated from U.C. Santa Cruz before obtaining advanced degrees in Library Science, Particle Physics, Medicine, Literature, and Law. He is survived by his wife Carol, with whom he recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, as well as his sister, five children, and ten grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to express the gratitude of the whole House to Edward Newman for his legacy of courage, honesty, and love, inspiring us all to work for a better world. He will be sorely missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 29, I missed rollcall vote No. 831 on H. Res. 729, expressing support for designation of a "National Firefighters Memorial Day" to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this rollcall vote.

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution designating October 2009 as "National Principals Month."

School leadership is important in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education. I want to take this time to thank elementary, middle, and secondary school principals for their dedication and hard work in helping to make the schools in Minnesota's Fourth District a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Principals do more than just manage the budget, discipline students, and improve student achievement. They serve as role models and are instrumental in their students' social development and ability to solve family problems. I am reminded of Ann Cassidy, my principal at Central Grade School in South Saint Paul. She was the first woman I encountered in a position of authority. As busy as Principal Cassidy was running a successful school, she always had time for her students. To this day, I remember her kind words and reassuring presence.

Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on this resolution because I was negotiating a solution to address inequities in Medicare reimbursement that negatively impacts Minnesota. If I were still in grade school, Principal Cassidy would have sat me down and told me, "Betty, it is good that you were taking care of your constituents but you must slow down and pay attention to what you are doing." Now this is always good advice whether you are a Member of Congress or an elementary school student.